

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts  
Matters of business of the Board of Aldermen  
in hands of the Clerk by 2PM the day of the meeting**

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

February 10, 2005, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Call of the Roll.
2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of January 3, 2005, and the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2005.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS  
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

3. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works evaluate the adequacy of the street lights on Westwood Rd.
4. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking evaluate the feasibility of restricting parking at the "Turn Around" at the end of Wesley Park.
5. Resolution By Ald. Taylor, That this Board requests an update from the Administration on creating a skateboard park in the city.
6. Resolution By Ald. Taylor, That this Board requests an update from the Administration on re-activating Engine 4 at the Lowell St. Fire Station.
7. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works add Hillside Circle to the street re-paving list.
8. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace the street sign on Gov. Winthrop Rd.
9. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking install the approved handicapped parking sign at 13 Lee St.

10. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking monitor restrictions on overnight commercial parking near 59 Wheatland St., including weekends.
11. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking make recommendations on parking restrictions on Winter Hill, to include Broadway and its intersecting streets from Walnut to Central Sts.
12. Resolution By Ald. Pero and Roche, That this Board requests that DCR clear sidewalks around Foss Park of snow and debris and report on plans for future remediation, and that the City Clerk forward this resolve to the State delegation.
13. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines instruct NStar to fix the street light at 27 Adams St.
14. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD order SF Properties to operate the exit indicator at the Medford St. exit of the CVS municipal parking lot.
15. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works clear snow and ice from the benches at the Hansen Memorial.
16. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works fill the pothole at 101 Alpine St.
17. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the snow at 1 Ball Square.
18. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove all snow on the sidewalk on each side of the Ball Square Bridge.
19. Order By Ald. Sullivan, That the Commissioner of Public Works explore additional ways to communicate to city residents and businesses their responsibilities to clear snow from sidewalks after a snow storm.
20. Order By Ald. Sullivan, That the Commissioner of Public Works communicate to the new DCR Commissioner and the MA Highway Commissioner the need for these state agencies to maintain state owned land in Somerville at all times, especially during snow storms.
21. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police clarify the protocol for ticketing and towing cars parked in front of hydrants.

22.     Order        By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police instruct the Traffic Division to evaluate traffic on Somerville Ave. caused by Market Basket on Saturdays and make a recommendation to the Ward 2 Alderman regarding the benefit of a police detail to alleviate such traffic.
  
23.     Order        By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Youth Services update this Board on activities and programs in place to support the city's youth, especially teens, and any plans to address issues brought up at the January Youth Forum.
  
24.     Order        By Ald. Heuston, That the City Assessor explain the criteria for sending one tax bill to properties which are adjacent and owned by the same owner, but with separate deeds and separated by a fire wall.
  
25.     Order        By Ald. Heuston and Taylor, That the City Solicitor and the Director of Traffic and Parking inform this Board of the procedure to create a truck route to restrict truck traffic.
  
26.     Order        By Ald. Heuston and Taylor, That the Director of SPCD inform the Ward 2 and 3 Aldermen on the disposition and timeline for proposed changes to Webster Ave. and Prospect St. from one-way to two-way traffic.
  
27.     Order        By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works plow the pedestrian pathways in Powderhouse Park ASAP.
  
28.     Order        By Ald. Connolly, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines request that NStar repair or replace the streetlamps at 72 and 92 College Ave.
  
29.     Order        By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the snow banks at the United Methodist Church on College Ave. and Chapel St., and the First Congregational Church on College Ave. and Francesca Ave.
  
30.     Resolution   By Ald. Connolly and Trane, That this Board commends the Tufts Council on Community Relations for a successful meeting to improve student/neighbor relationships in Wards 6 and 7.
  
31.     Order        By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police increase speed enforcement around the West Som. Neighborhood School.
  
32.     Order        By Ald. Trane, That the Superintendent of Lights and Lines repair the street light at 56 Hooker Ave.
  
33.     Order        By Ald. Trane, That the Director of Traffic and Parking provide to the Chairman of the Traffic and Parking Committee a list of all private ways in and around Tufts.

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| 34. | Order | By Ald. White, That the Finance Committee meet to discuss the trash collection fee levied on rental properties by taking comments from impacted property owners and inviting the Finance Director to respond. |
| 35. | Comm. | By Pres. Desmond, Conveying School Dept. Medicaid reimbursement level information.  |

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

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| 36. | Mayor's Request | Requesting that the Board convene in Executive Session to discuss pending collective bargaining matters.   |
| 37. | Mayor's Request | Requesting an increase in the expenditure cap on the Women's Commission revolving fund to \$4,000.   |
| 38. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to pay various prior fiscal year bills in Police totaling \$2,716.18.  |
| 39. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to pay a prior fiscal year bill in Personnel totaling \$75.00.   |
| 40. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to spend a \$16,193 grant for the Health Dept. from Emergency Preparedness Region 4B.  |
| 41. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to spend a \$50,000 gift from Home Depot to assist with the programs in the East Som. schools.   |
| 42. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval to spend a \$3,000 gift from Comcast to assist with the "SomerMovie Fest".   |
| 43. | Mayor's Request | Requesting approval for SPCD to fundraise for an Economic Summit meeting at Tufts on March 29.   |
| 44. | Mayor's Request | Requesting acceptance of MGL c.44 s.55C authorizing cities and towns to establish affordable housing trust funds, and requesting approval of an Ordinance for an Affordable Housing Trust Fund and a Declaration of Trust. |
| 45. | Mayor's Request | Requesting the reappointment of Sally Hoyt as Constable.   |

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

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| 46. | Committee Report | Report of the Committee on Finance, Feb. 1. |
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- 47. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, Feb. 2.
- 48. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments Feb. 8.
- 49. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, Feb. 8.
- 50. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Youth Services, Feb. 8.

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS**

- 51. City Officer Comm. Planning Board submitting recommendations to amend the Zoning Ordinance to establish a citywide Design Review Committee and require a special permit for certain residential developments.
- 52. City Officer Comm. Purchasing Director responding to #178012 re: Living Wage Ordinance and the recycling contract with KTI.
- 53. City Officer Comm. Purchasing Director responding to #178013 re: Rates paid for electric power.
- 54. City Officer Comm. Asst. City Solicitor responding to #177975 re: Issuance of non-criminal citations.
- 55. City Officer Comm. Fire Chief responding to #178091 re: Hydrant on Conwell St. at Francis St.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 56. Public Occ. **Public Property Occupancy Permit**  
6<sup>th</sup> Annual David Brundage Road Race, Davis Sq., June 5 from 9AM-12PM.
- 57. Public Occ Hanging a banner for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual David Brundage Road Race, Trum Field backstop, 14 days prior to race.
- 58. Open Air Vendor **New Open Air Vendor License Application**  
Paul Gallagher Jr., 7-Eleven Store at 582 Broadway, to sell cut flowers on spring holidays.
- 59. Used Car Lic **Renewal of Used Car Motor Vehicles License Class II**  
Sing Cheung Inc., 88 Dover St.
- 60. Used Car Lic Jeffrey Summers Auto Sales, 46 Franklin St.

### **ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM**

